

# Supplementary File:

## Image Super-Resolution with Cross-Scale Non-Local Attention and Exhaustive Self-Exemplars Mining

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### 1. Comparison with Naïve Cross-Scale Non-Local (CS-NL) Attention

In the non-local structure, features are summed and weighted by corresponding spatial attention. Formally, in-scale non-local attention is

$$Z_{i,j} = \sum_{g,h} \frac{\exp(\phi(X_{i,j}, \textcolor{red}{X}_{g,h}))}{\sum_{u,v} \exp(\phi(X_{i,j}, X_{u,v}))} \psi(\textcolor{blue}{X}_{g,h}) \quad (1)$$

where red and blue are the same features representation.

Naïve cross-scale non-local attention can be straightforwardly evolved as

$$Z_{i,j} = \sum_{g,h} \frac{\exp(\phi(X_{i,j}, \textcolor{red}{Y}_{g,h}))}{\sum_{u,v} \exp(\phi(X_{i,j}, Y_{u,v}))} \psi(\textcolor{blue}{Y}_{g,h}) \quad (2)$$

where red and blue are still the same but changed to  $Y = X \downarrow_s$ , that are the down-scaled features by by scaling factor s. The naïve cross-scale attention is build upon the correlation between features in different scales but summarises down-scaled features. The down-scaling operation will eliminate high-frequency details and lead performance regression in super-resolution tasks.

The proposed cross-scale non-local attention summaries corresponding features in target scale without down-scaling operation, and can be formalized as

$$Z_{si,sj}^{s \times s} = \sum_{g,h} \frac{\exp \phi(X_{i,j}, \textcolor{red}{Y}_{g,h})}{\sum_{u,v} \exp \phi(X_{i,j}, Y_{u,v})} \psi(\textcolor{blue}{X}_{sg,sh}^{s \times s}), \quad (3)$$

where red and blue are in different scales but one-to-one corresponded spatially. In this way, the proposed cross-scale attention can keep high-resolution information in feature maps, utilize the original self-exemplar hints and benefits super-resolution performance.

Experiments in Table 1 shows that the naïve cross-scale attention is negligible better than in-scale one, and the proposed cross-scale attention significantly outperforms other approaches.

	Proposed Cross-scale	Naïve Cross-scale	In-scale
PSNR	<b>33.74</b>	33.65	33.62

Table 1. Comparison with Naïve Cross-Scale Non-Local (CS-NL) Attention on Set14 [9] ( $\times 2$ ).

### 2. More Qualitative Comparison

In Fig. 1-2, we provide more visual results to compare with other state-of-the-art methods. One can see that our approach reconstructed better image details, demonstrating the superiority of the proposed CSNLN.

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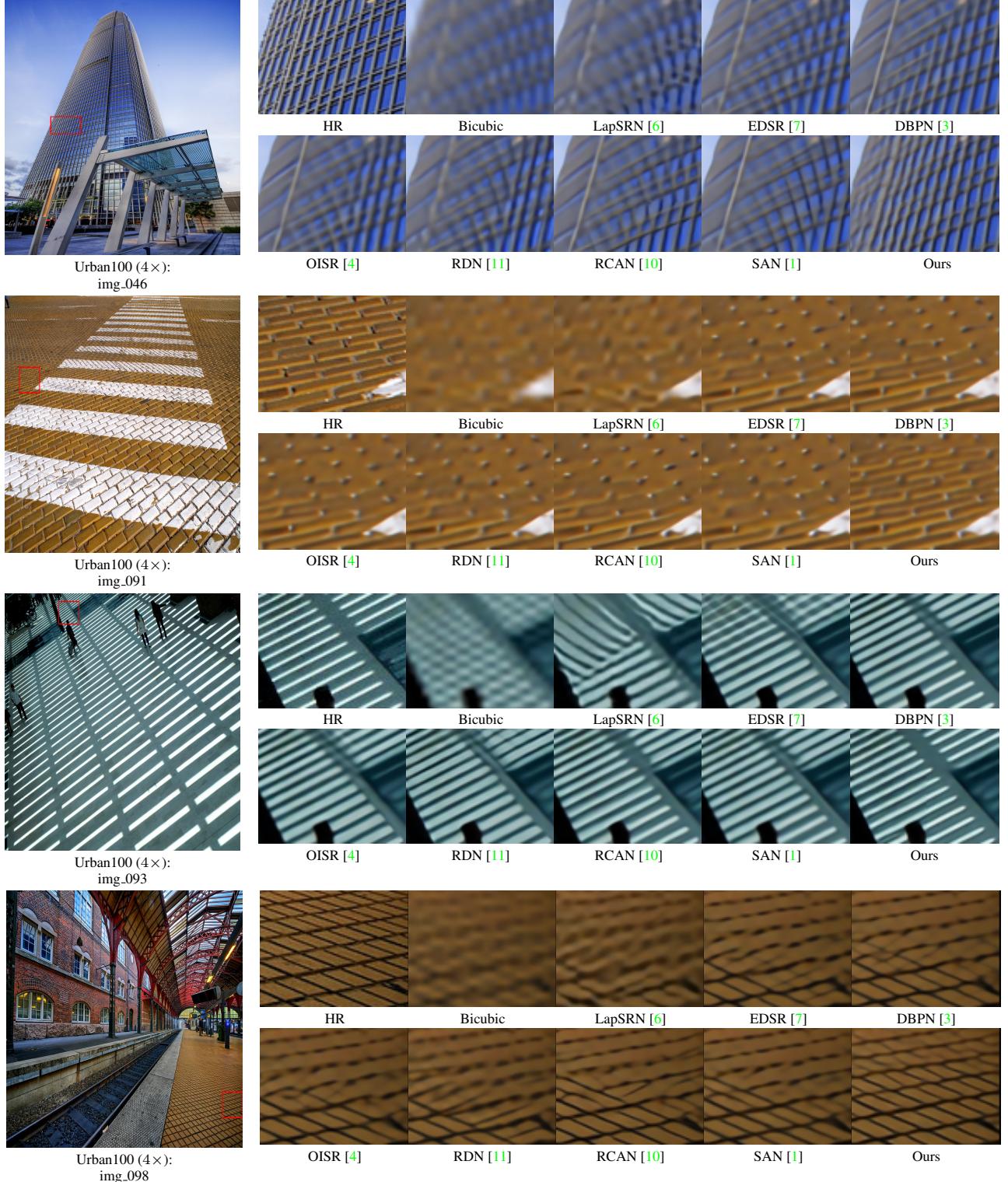


Figure 1. Visual comparison for 4× SR on Urban100 dataset.

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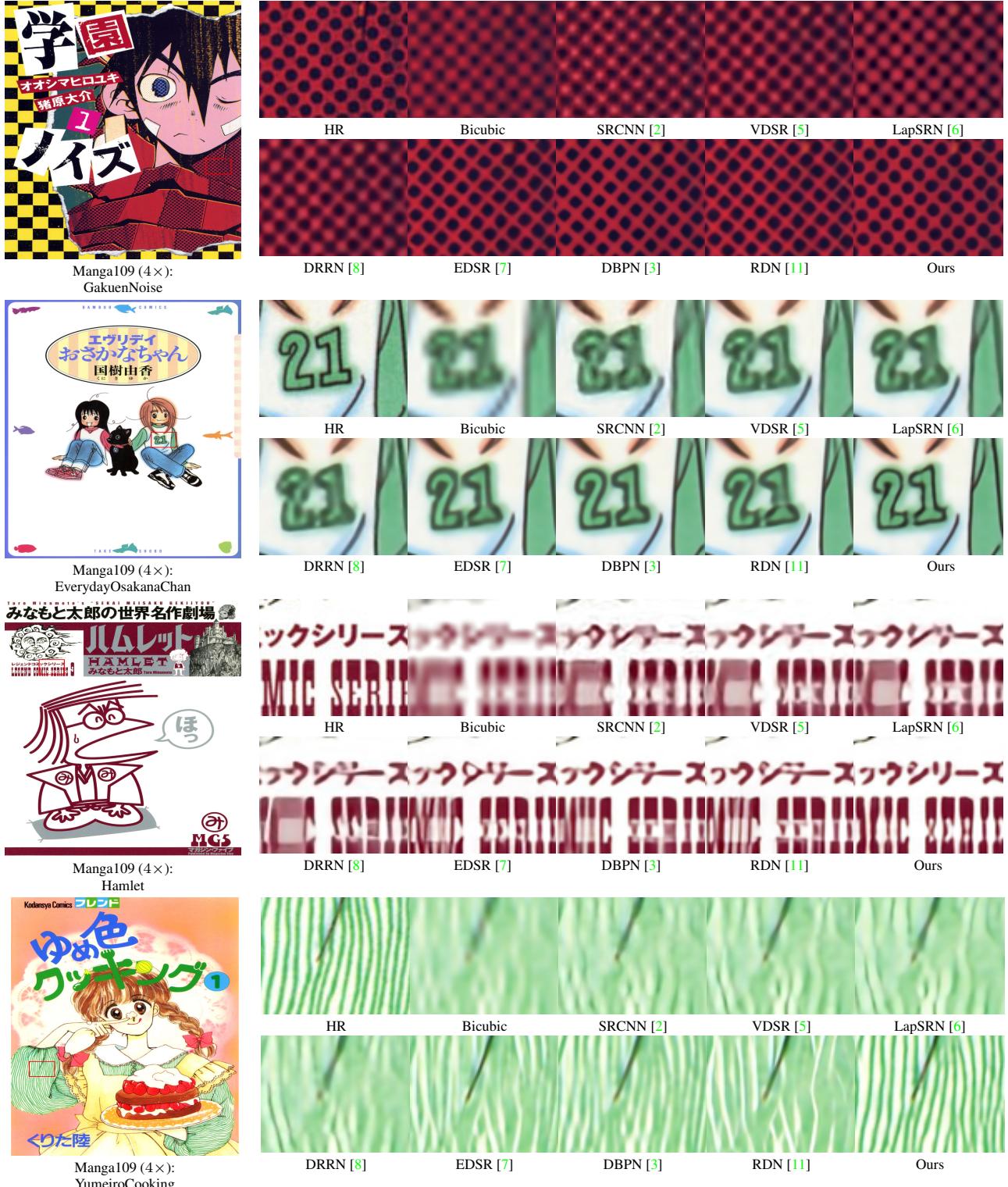


Figure 2. Visual comparison for 4× SR on Manga109 dataset.

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